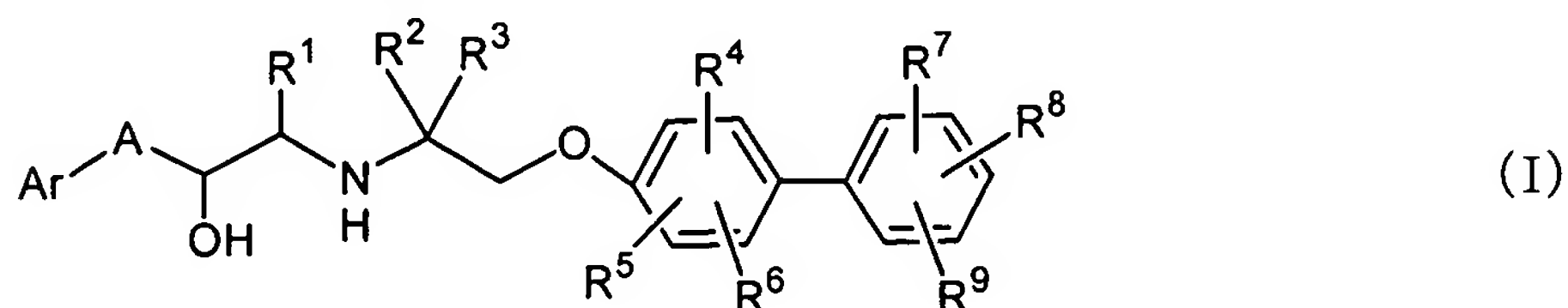


ABSTRACT

The present invention provides compounds represented by general formula (I):



a prodrug thereof, or pharmaceutical acceptable salts thereof,
 5 wherein R^1 is hydrogen or lower alkyl; each of R^2 and R^3 is
 independently hydrogen or lower alkyl; each of R^4 , R^5 and R^6 is
 independently hydrogen, halogen, lower alkyl or lower alkoxy;
 R^7 is hydrogen or lower alkyl; R^8 is hydrogen, halogen, lower
 alkyl, lower alkoxy, etc; R^9 is $-\text{COR}^{10}$, $-\text{A}^1-\text{COR}^{10}$, $-\text{O}-\text{A}^2-\text{COR}^{10}$,
 10 etc; Ar is optionally substituted phenyl or heteroaryl; and A
 is a bond, $-\text{OCH}_2-$, etc, which exhibit potent and
 selective β_3 -adrenoceptor stimulating activities. The present
 invention also provides pharmaceutical compositions containing
 said compound, and uses thereof.